Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Applicant: Claus Dworski et al.

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Title: ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR TESTING ELECTRONIC COMPONENT

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 8, 2009. Claims 46 and 54-64 have been withdrawn from consideration. With this Response, claim 38 has been canceled and claims 33, 35, 39, 40, 43 and 45 have been amended. Claims 33-37, 39-45 and 47-53 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) with respect to the measuring device recited in claims 33, 39, 40 and 43. These claims have been amended to clarify that the *control device* is configured generate a difference signal by subtracting the reference signal from the test signal as noted by the Examiner in the Office Action at page 6. These claims have further been amended to recite the measuring device receiving the difference signal. Thus, each claim element is illustrated in Figure 2.

Applicants therefore believe the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 33, 38, and 39 for informalities. Claim 38 has been canceled. Claims 33 and 39 have been amended as suggested in the Office Action.

Applicants therefore believe the objections to the claims have been overcome.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 33-45 and 47-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. These claims have been amended along the lines suggested in the Office Action.

In view of the above, claims 33-45 and 47-53 are believed to be in form for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that rejections to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered, and that the rejections be removed and these claims be allowed.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner noted that claims 33-45 and 47-53 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections. As noted above, the claims have been amended to overcome the section 112 rejections and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in form for allowance. The amendments presented herein comply with requirements expressly set forth in a the Office Action. As such, they are believed to be proper for entry in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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